

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Richard Humpert

Serial No. : PCT WO 00/47363

Attny No. : 60,174-021

Filed : Concurrently Herewith

Title : SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR FUNCTIONAL UNIT

GROUP:

EXAMINER:

#6/a
YON
12/02/01

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the governmental filing fee, please amend the claims, as follows:

Sub 0. > 1. (Amended). A function carrier insertable from one side into a component, for example into a sheet metal part or into a plastic part, comprising a functional element¹²⁷⁾ having shaft and head parts and a rivet sleeve, _{not in spec.}

characterised in that

the rivet sleeve is movable in the axial direction of the shaft part along the shaft part and in that the functional element has a concave fillet in the transition region between the shaft part and the head part forming a sliding surface for the deformation of the rivet sleeve.

2. (Amended). Function carrier in accordance with claim 1,

12/03/2001 LTYSON1 0000 characterised in that

01 FC:102

80.00 CH the rivet sleeve has a tubular deformable region adjacent the head part and a ring-like, at least substantially non-deformable region remote from the head part.

0923003-100501